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MEMORANDUM FOR : Mr. James S. Lay, Jr.  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

SUBJECT : Revision of NSCID No. 4

1. It is recommended that NSCID No. 4 be amended and reissued in accordance with the enclosed draft revision.
2. All of the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee have concurred in this proposed revision, except the representative of the FBI who abstained.
3. The proposed revision adds a new paragraph, while in the present paragraph 2 the words "and under the guidance of the NSC Staff"--following "agencies concerned"--would be deleted. The effect of the two changes is simply to eliminate the rather vague provision for "guidance" by the NSC "staff" in favor of a requirement that I report the outline and selections relating to intelligence priorities to the NSC itself. Thus, if the revision is approved, I expect to transmit the present DCID 4/3 and 4/5--the basic directives for intelligence priorities--to the Council, and hereafter to submit revisions in these directives in the same manner. The proposed revision does not attempt, of course, to state what action the Council may wish to take on these directives; no specific Council action would be required to make them effective.

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Director

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Drafted ONE:WPBundy: 27 July 56

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Draft Revision of

National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 4

National Intelligence Objectives

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 (d) (5) of the National Security Act of 1947 and for the purpose of providing intelligence support for the preparation of studies required by the National Security Council in the fulfillment of its duties, it is directed that:

1. The Director of Central Intelligence, in collaboration with the other agencies concerned, shall prepare a comprehensive outline of national intelligence objectives applicable to foreign countries and areas to serve as a guide for the coordinated collection and production of National Intelligence.
2. The Director of Central Intelligence, in collaboration with the other agencies concerned, shall select from time to time and on a current basis sections and items of such outline which have a priority interest. These selections will be issued by the Director of Central Intelligence to supply the desired priority guidance for the production of National Intelligence by the Central Intelligence Agency and for the contributions to such production by other agencies concerned.
3. The Director of Central Intelligence shall formally report such outline and selections to the NSC.

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TO : Mr. Allen W. Dulles

DATE: 27 July 1956

FROM : W. P. Bundy

SUBJECT: Revision of NSCID No. 4

This draft would replace your previous transmittal memorandum.

A new paragraph 3 has been added in response to the request of Messrs.

Anderson and Lay for explanation of the proposed changes. If you

approve the present draft, we will arrange simply to withdraw the

prior one, which was not circulated outside the Agency.

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